

# Nevada Division of Forestry

## News Release

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### **Volunteer Fire Departments Receive Grants**

Rural fire departments in seven counties have received \$28,000.00 in federal matching funds designed to enhance rural fire protection capabilities, Governor Kenny Guinn has announced. He said the federal-state-local partnership is a cornerstone in assisting rural departments to attain adequate preparedness levels.

The Volunteer Fire Assistance (VFA) grant program, administered by the Nevada Division of Forestry, provides 50-50 matching funds annually to rural fire departments in communities of less than 10,000 population, according to State Forester Steve Robinson.

The funds are used to enhance local fire protection capabilities in the areas of training, equipping and in organizing new fire departments, multi-community fire protection projects, purchase of smoke detectors, purchase of protective clothing and equipment, breathing apparatus, hose, nozzles and pumps, as well as upgrading communications and emergency alert systems, and in-house training programs.

Robinson said 21 rural Nevada fire departments filed grant applications competing for the \$28,000.00 in matching funds to support special local fire protection enhancement projects of \$71,902.00. He noted applications are reviewed and graded on a points system based on the information provided by the applicants, and includes a review of past grant awards within the last 5 years.

Departments receiving grants include:

Elko County: Jiggs Volunteer Fire Department, \$1,000.00;  
Deeth-Star Volunteer Fire Department, \$2,355.00;  
Tecoma Volunteer Fire Department, \$1,049.93;  
Ten Mile Volunteer Fire Department, \$787.50;  
Clover Valley Volunteer Fire Department, \$1,243.90;  
Ryndon Volunteer Fire Department, \$1,050.00.

Esmeralda County: Silver Peak Volunteer Fire Department, \$1,425.00.

Lyon County: Central Lyon Fire Protection District, \$2,250.00; Mark Twain Volunteer Fire Department, \$2,500.00.

Nye County: Ione Volunteer Fire Department, \$2,500.00; Gabbs Volunteer Fire Department, \$2,500.00; Currant Creek Volunteer Fire Department, \$2,403.17.

Pershing County: Lovelock Volunteer Fire Department, \$2,500.00.

Washoe County: Wadsworth Volunteer Fire Department, \$935.50; Hungry Valley Fire & Rescue, \$2,500.00.

White Pine County: Lund Volunteer Fire Department, \$1,000.00.

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